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Special Announcement

New Federal Grant Application Requirement.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has directed all federal agencies to require all federal grant applicants to provide a Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number when applying for federal grants or cooperative agreements. The DUNS number, which will help to improve the statistical reporting of federal grants and cooperative agreements, will be required whether an applicant is submitting a paper or electronic application. DUNS numbers will be required as of October 1, 2003. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or by visiting <http://www.dnb.com/us/>.

Federal Opportunities

Business-Led H-1B Technical Skills Training. *The Department of Labor (DOL)/Employment and Training Administration (ETA)* announces funds for technical skills training programs to address the high skill technology shortages of American businesses. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations other than institutions of higher education, and for-profit organizations other than small businesses. The deadline for applications is September 22, 2003. Approximately \$50 million is available. For further information, contact Mamie D. Williams at (202) 693-3301 or go to: <http://www.doleta.gov/h-1b>.

Help America Vote Training and Technical Assistance Projects. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration on Children and Families (ACF)* announces funds to establish or improve access to the voting process for individuals

with the full range of disabilities. Eligible applicants include public or private nonprofit organizations, community and faith-based organizations, state and local government entities, and universities. The deadline for applications is September 4, 2003. Approximately 2 awards of up to \$70,000 each are available. For further information, contact Carla R. Brown at (202) 690-8332 or crbrown@acf.hhs.gov; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/03-19905.txt>.

Technical Assistance to ORR-Funded Refugee Programs and Services for Asylees. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration on Children and Families (ACF)/Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)* announces funds to provide technical assistance to agencies that serve in the following 7 program areas: 1) refugee-based mutual aid associations (MAAs), voluntary agencies assisting or working with refugee community organizations and other program areas; 2) employment services; 3) English language training and service programs; 4) refugee economic development activities; 5) enhancement of child welfare services for refugee communities; 6) promotion of refugee housing opportunities; and 7) crime prevention programs. In addition, funds are available for applicants to provide services via a multilingual information, referral and registration hotline. Eligible applicants include nonprofit, community and faith-based organizations. The deadline for applications is September 8, 2003. Approximately \$3 million is available. For further information, contact Mitiku Ashebir at (202) 205-3602, (202) 401-0981-fax, or mashebir@acf.hhs.gov; or contact Daphne Weeden at (202) 401-4577 or paqueries-OGM@acf.hhs.gov. The program announcement is available at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010>

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800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-20261.htm.

This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

District Opportunities

AMENDMENT. Capacity Building for HIV/AIDS and Other Housing Providers. *The Department of Health (DOH)/HIV/AIDS Administration (HAA)* announces an amendment regarding the time of the pre-application conference. Please note that the conference will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2003, from **10am-noon** at 941 North Capitol Street, NE – Training Room A (**4th Floor**).

FY 2003 Latchkey, CPR and First Aid Grant. *Department of Human Services (DHS)/Office of Early Childhood Development (OECD)* announces funds to develop Latchkey, CPR and First Aid programs. Specifically, funds will be provided in two program areas: 1) administering a telephone support hotline for school age children, ages 5-13, who are in self-care during after-school hours and live in DC; and 2) enhancing the knowledge and skills training of childcare providers, volunteers and parents in performing Pediatric First Aid and CPR (infants, toddlers, and children). Eligible applicants include licensed childcare providers, nonprofits, private and for-profit organizations, and institutions of post-secondary education. The deadline for applications is September 12, 2003, at 5pm. Approximately \$100,000 per program area is available. Funds will be awarded to sustain support services, training and technical assistance. Applications may be obtained from 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 400 South, Washington, DC or at: <http://www.cfo.washingtondc.gov>. For further information, please contact the Office of Research and Analysis (ORA) at (202) 727-7775.

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are still available at http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.sh [tm](http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.sh) for the following notices:

The Department of Human Services (DHS), Family Violence Prevention Services Grant, due August 18, 2003.

The Department of Health (DOH)/HIV/AIDS Administration (HAA), Capacity Building for HIV/AIDS and Other Housing Providers, due August 29, 2003, at 5pm.

The Office on Aging (OA), Lead Agency Grant Program, due September 5, 2003, at 5pm.

The Historic Preservation Office (HPO), Grant-In-Aid, due October 17, 2003, at 3pm.

Foundation Opportunities

Community Justice. *The JEHT Foundation* supports human rights, social justice, and community building. The name JEHT stands for the core values that underlie the Foundation's mission: Justice, Equality, Human Dignity, and Tolerance. Through its Community Justice Program, the Foundation focuses its giving on ameliorating the impact that crime and the criminal justice system have on low-income marginalized communities by supporting efforts to: promote alternatives to the over incarceration of people; reduce the negative effects of current drug laws; insure greater equity and fairness in the criminal justice system; and eliminate barriers to the reintegration of people into their communities once they have been released from prison. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. Letters of Inquiry (LOI) are accepted at any time. For further information, go to: <http://www.jehtfoundation.org/community.html>.

DC Children, Youth and Parents. *The DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation* seeks to fund effective programming that serves the needs of various communities and populations in the city. In particular, the Trust Corporation welcomes proposals that support adjudicated youth, gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/questioning youth, special needs youth, parent centers with child abuse prevention programs, faith-based initiatives and literacy programs. Proposals are requested in three categories: 1) parent centers; 2) out-of-school programs; and 3) transforming school programs. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations

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that have been providing services to children and/or youth within DC since at least October 1, 2002. The deadline for applications is September 5, 2003, at 5pm. A 25% match is required. Four Bidders' Conferences will be held to answer questions about the RFP: 1) August 13, 2003, 9–11am, 1616 P Street, NW, #700; 2) August 15, 2003, 2–4pm, 2500 14th Street, NW (#10 Boys & Girls Club); 3) August 19, 2003, 9:30–11:30am, Friendship-Edison Collegiate Academy, 4095 Minnesota Avenue, NE (directly across from the Minnesota Avenue Metro station, Orange line); and 4) August 19, 2003, 2–4pm, Eastern Branch Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington, 261 17th Street, NE (near Stadium Armory Metro Station, Green line). For further information or to access a copy of the RFP, contact the Trust Corporation at (202) 347-4441 or go to: www.cyitc.org.

Innovative Animal Welfare. *PETsMART Charities* seeks to improve the quality of life for all companion animals through the following programs that reduce the homeless population of animals through methods other than euthanasia: adoption programs; post-adoption follow-up programs to improve retention rates for the newly adopted animal; spay/neuter programs; training or behavior modification programs that help make pets more adoptable and compatible for long-term human-pet relationships; identification programs such as micro-chipping or tagging, or proactive lost and found programs that help reunite lost pets with their guardians; and pet parent education programs to improve the quality of life for pets in homes and prevent relinquishment of pets from their homes. Eligible applicants include nonprofit animal welfare organizations, municipal animal control facilities, and educational establishments. There are no deadlines for applications. For further information, go to: http://www.petsmart.com/charities/petsmart_charities/index.shtml.

Needs of the Elderly. *HCR Manor Care* supports community-based services and education addressing the needs of the elderly, individuals requiring post-acute services, and individuals requiring hospice and palliative care. The Foundation's efforts are focused on sustaining dignity, independence, and a sense of wellbeing, essential elements of a vibrant quality of life. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is

October 1, 2003. The Foundation only accepts online applications through the website. For further information, go to: <http://www.hcr-manorcare.org/>.

Organizing Technology Grants. *The Progressive Technology Project (PTP)* seeks to raise the scope and scale of technology resources available to grassroots community organizing groups that engage in multi-issue social, economic, and environmental justice efforts to empower low-income people and communities of color to address root causes of social inequities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit, community-based organizations with 501(c)(3) status or organizations sponsored by such an organization. The deadline for applications is August 29, 2003. The PTP Organizing Technology Grants Program awards 10-15 grants of up to \$10,000 each to be used for training, technical support, consulting, needs assessment, planning, hardware and software, designing applications, and setting up systems. For further information, go to: <http://www.progressivetechnology.org/Program/grantmaking.htm>.

Resources & Announcements

Save the Date. *The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development, in partnership with the Washington Council of Agencies*, announces its 5th Annual Public-Private Partnership conference to be held on October 21, 2003. This year's theme will be "Partnerships: Creating Opportunities for All." The all day conference will include informational and "how to" sessions on a variety of topics such as area funding trends and strategies, e-grants, volunteer recruitment, board development, evaluation, and more. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

2003 Summer Feeding Program. *The State Education Office (SEO)* has launched the 2003 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in DC. This initiative, promoted as "Come To the Table", which runs June 23-August 29, provides children up to age 18 and people with disabilities with well-balanced meals throughout the summer months. To date, this program has served over 400,000. The goal of the SEO is to ensure that 1 million meals are served in summer 2003, which is an increase from the over 800,000 meals served in summer 2002. To locate a Summer Meal Service Center (SMSC) in your

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community, check with your local school, recreation center, and community or faith-based organizations. For further information, please call the SFSP Summer Hotline at (202) 724-7726.

Common Grant Application Format. *Washington Grantmakers* is in the early stages of revising its Common Grant Application and would like to get input from area nonprofits about their experiences with the format. To that end, there will be a community-wide meeting in early September (watch for an announcement of date, place, and time). In the meantime, Washington Grantmakers is interested in your comments on *specific improvements*. Please send comments no later than August 15th to Maddie Krug at krug@washingtongrantmakers.org. To access the current format, go to: http://www.washingtongrantmakers.org/WG/GM_Resources/Format/Format_Index.asp.

Key questions are:

1. Is there duplication of information within different sections? If so, can you suggest an alternative?
2. What specific section or sections do you find the most difficult to understand?
3. Is there a specific section that you would expand or emphasize?
4. If you have applied for funding for a capital campaign or general operating support: are there specific changes or additions you would make to more closely relate it to your request?
5. Is there something missing from the format, or some part of your organization's "story" that cannot be accommodated by the current format?
6. What sections of the application do you think work well?

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).

The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The GIRC provides technical assistance that connects DC Government agencies, nonprofit and faith-based organizations to information about resources that improve community services in the city. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant,

capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but does require an appointment. **Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.**

New Do-Not-Fax Rules for Nonprofits. *The Federal Communications Commission (FCC)* recently released a Report and Order that amends the rules and regulations implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991. Under the previous rules, an organization or other entity could send an "unsolicited fax advertisement" to anyone with whom it had an "established business relationship." The new rules, which will take effect on August 25, abolish the "established business relationship" exception and require recipients' express written permission before they can be sent unsolicited advertisements by fax. Thus, an organization will need permission from its members, associates, consumers, and anyone else to whom it sends a fax of a commercial nature. The rules apply to faxes that promote membership, products, programs, and services, including those that solicit conference registration, sell a product or service, and seek membership dues. The National Council of Nonprofit Associations has prepared an Issue Update that describes the new rules and implications for nonprofits. It is available at: <http://www.ncna.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=216>.

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